

Application Serial No. 10/516,379
Reply to Office Action of December 12, 2007

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REMARKS

In the Office Action, dated December 12, 2007, the Examiner states that Claims 13-26 are pending, of those, Claims 14, 16 and 18-26 are withdrawn from consideration, and Claims 13, 15, and 17 are rejected. By the present Amendment, Applicant cancels Claims 13 and 15, and adds new Claims 27-31. The Applicant has also cancelled the withdrawn claims without prejudice.

In the Office Action, the abstract of the disclosure is objected to because of its undue length and for not being limited to a single paragraph. The Applicant has amended the abstract to correct the informalities, and therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests this objection be withdrawn.

In the Office Action, Claims 13, 15, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Takahashi (U.S. 6,103,352). The Applicant has cancelled Claims 13 and 15, and amends Claim 17 into independent form. With respect to amended Claim 17, the Applicant provides the following in support of the novelty of the claim.

Claim 17 claims a method for manufacturing the decorative material, wherein a luster adjusting resin layer formed of an ionizing radiation curing resin composition is provided on a base material sheet by using a gravure coating or a gravure printing. The method for manufacturing of the decorative material claimed can achieve an advantageous effect of forming a luster adjusting resin layer with few doctor streaks even in the case where the ionizing radiation curing resin composition has no solvent therein and where a gravure coating or a gravure printing is used as a coating method. In contrast, Takahashi fails to teach or suggest a method for manufacturing the decorative material which uses a gravure coating or a gravure printing. Therefore, a person skilled in the art would not find the present invention obvious in view of Takahashi.

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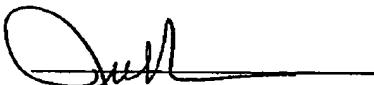
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In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections are considered overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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